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Applicant(s) : James ANTHONY et al.
Serial No. : 09/594,839 Group Art unit : 1656
Filed : June 15, 2000 Examiner : Chunduru, S.
For : DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID
CAPTURE METHOD

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the PTO Supplemental Official Action mailed on July 19, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction under 35 USC §121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-21 and 48 and 49, drawn to a method of detecting a target nucleic acid using a ligand, classified in class 435, subclass 6;
- II. Claims 22-46, drawn to a method of detecting a target nucleic acid using an antibody, classified in class 435, subclass 7.2;
- III. Claim 47, drawn to a nucleic acid probe requiring SEQ ID NOs: 1-160, classified in class 536, subclass 24.3;